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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 25 PERCENT ABOVE 2003 LEVEL

April 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 7.6 million hundredweight, 25 percent above the April 1, 2003 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.3 million hundredweight, up 53 percent from 2003 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 5.3 million hundredweight, up 15 percent from 2003.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	April 1, 2003		April 1, 2004	
	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
MN Area 1	1,500	25	2,300	30
MN Area 2	4,600	75	5,300	70
State Total	6,100	100	7,600	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on April 1, 2003-2004 ¹

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 2003	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 2004	% of Prod
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
CA ²	4,316	1,600	37	3,444	1,500	44
CO	27,885	9,900	36	23,652	7,000	30
ID	133,385	49,000	37	123,180	46,500	38
ME	16,960	6,300	37	17,030	6,500	38
MI	13,878	2,900	21	15,015	3,100	21
MN ²	18,810	6,100	32	22,330	7,600	34
MT	3,224	1,900	59	3,339	2,100	63
NE ³	8,611			9,860		
NY	5,500	220	4	6,510	750	12
ND	23,460	7,900	34	27,440	11,200	41
OH ^{2 3}	902			1,290		
OR	24,936	7,500	30	20,991	8,300	40
PA ²	2,128	400	19	3,915	500	13
WA ²	92,340	23,000	25	93,150	21,500	23
WI ²	30,750	7,100	23	32,800	7,300	22
Other Sts		2,050			2,560	
15 Sts ²	407,085	125,870	31	403,946	126,410	31

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

² 2002 production revised in Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002 publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002 publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.

³ Combined into "Other States".